

IN THE SPECIFICATION**[Paragraph beginning page 4, line 19]**

In order to ensure the integrity of the communication channel, the core electronics module 24 is connected to the lock 30 via a secure link ~~32~~ 33. This secure link ~~32~~ 33 includes an encryptor that is implemented in the core electronics 24, some form of cable 34 and a decryptor 36 that resides within the safe 26. All control signals sent to the lock 30 from the core module 24 are encrypted and passed to the decryptor 36. Hence, even although the processing core 24 is placed outside the safe 26, there is no associated security risk. No one tapping the signals from the core 24 would be able to break into the line ~~32~~ 33 and mimic the signals needed to open the lock.

[Two Paragraphs beginning page 6, line 8]

In order to provide additional security, a detector 38 may be provided in association with the lock 30 and/or the door 28 of the safe 26 for detecting tampering with the safe 26. The detector 38 is connected to the core module 24 via the secure link ~~32~~ 33 and is operable to send an alarm signal thereto when tampering is detected. In this case, it should be noted that a safe encryptor is provided for encrypting messages from the detector 38 to the core 24. This could be provided separately or as part of the safe decryptor module 36. In the event that tampering is detected, the detector 38 is operable to generate an alarm signal. This is sent to the safe encryptor, where it is encrypted and forwarded to the core processor 24. Once received at the core 24, the signal is decrypted and recognized as being an alarm. The core 24 may then activate an audible alarm. Alternatively, when the ATM 10 is networked, the core 24 may generate an alarm signal and send it to the remote server 32, where appropriate action can be taken. In this way, the system can be adapted to provide a so-called silent alarm.

As a further security measure, a spoiler mechanism 40 may be provided. This is adapted to cause damage to the contents of the safe 26 in the event that tampering is detected. The spoiler mechanism 40 may be operable to spray fluid over the contents of the safe 26.

The fluid may be such as to render the contents of the secure enclosure unusable. For example, the fluid may be paint. The spoiler mechanism 40 may be actuatable in response to a control command sent over the secure link ~~32~~ 33 from the core module 24. Alternatively, the control command may be generated by the detector 38 and sent directly to the spoiler mechanism 40.